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[Docket No. HM-57; Notice No. 71-17]

TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS
MATERIALS

Proposed Classification of Corrosive
Liquids

On June 11, 1971, the Hazardous Materials Regulations Board published Docket No. HM-57; Notice No. 71-17 (36 F.R. 11304), relating to the classification of corrosive hazards. The purpose of this supplemental notice is to clarify § 173.245b, as that section was proposed in Notice No. 71-17.

Notice 71-17 did not specifically prescribe in § 173.245b that fiber drums would be an authorized packaging for corrosive solids. A comment recently filed with the Board contends that this omission may be interpreted as an indication of intention not to allow this packaging for corrosive solids. This was not the Board's intention.

The packaging proposed in Notice 71-17 was intended to reflect packaging known by the Board to be currently in use for corrosive solids. On the basis of comments to be received on Notice 71-17, the Board may add other packaging demonstrated to be in use for these materials. Of course, the Board expects comments of this nature to state that the packaging has proven to be satisfactory and to provide adequate support for that statement. This intent may not have been stated clearly in Notice 71-17 and has evidently caused difficulties for some container manufacturers including suppliers of fiber drums. The Board does not propose at this time to make substantive changes to packaging currently in use.

Based on these considerations, Notice 71-17 is supplemented by a proposal to amend 49 CFR 173 as follows:

In § 173.245b, subparagraph (a) (6) would be added to read as follows:

§ 173.245b Corrosive solids not specifically provided for.

(a) * * *

(6) Fiber drums not exceeding 550 pounds net weight, made tight against sifting and moisture.

This proposal is made under the authority of sections 831-835 of title 18, United States Code, section 9 of the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1657), and title VI and section 902(h) of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (49 U.S.C. 1421-1430 and 1472(h)).

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Materials Regulations Board.

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